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SUBJECT: DIVISION OF IGS TRAFFIC BETWEEN  
TEGEL/TEMPELHOF

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1. SUMMARY: MISSION INFORMED SENAT AND ALLIED OFFICIALS  
CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN BY PANAM TO REMAINING AT  
TEMPELHOF. SENAT HAS REACTED NEGATIVELY, STATING  
THAT MOVE TO TEGEL IS SETTLED MATTER. BRITISH  
AND FRENCH ARE NON-COMMITTAL. PANAM TAKING INITIATIVE  
IN CONVINCING BA TO AGREE TO PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE RAF A, ON FEB 4, WE INFORMED  
SENAT THAT BFG HAD SUGGESTED TO PANAM THAT IT MIGHT  
WANT TO LINK DIVISION OF TRAFFIC TO POSSIBILITY OF  
REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF. WE STRESSED THAT WE KNEW  
THIS WAS IDEA MAKING THE ROUNDS AND WE WANTED SENAT  
TO LEARN ABOUT IT FROM US RATHER THAN FROM PRESS. WE  
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ALSO SUGGESTED SENAT MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER PROS AND

CONS OF SUCH A PROPOSAL SHOULD IT EMERGE IN CONTEXT OF ROUTE DIVISION.

3. ON FEB 6 CHANCELRY CHIEF HERZ AND SENATOR FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS STOBBE TOLD LIAISON OFFICER THEY WERE SPEAKING FOR GOVMAYOR IN SAYING THAT MATTER IS SETTLED, CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN SIGNED, AND PANAM IS EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE. HERZ AND STOBBE SAID THAT THE SENAT WOULD REACT VERY NEGATIVELY IF THE MATTER SURFACED PUBLICLY (AS IT HAS -- SEE BELOW). IN AN EARLIER CONVERSATION, HERZ EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT ANY PROPOSAL TO KEEP PART OF THE IGS TRAFFIC AT TEMPELHOF WOULD BE POLITICALLY TROUBLESOME IN PRE-ELECTION PERIOD.

4. HERZ AND STOBBE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BEING INFORMED ABOUT IDEA. THEY WERE STILL INDIGNANT THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ON ROUTE SWAP PROPOSAL AND STOBBE POINTED OUT FORCEFULLY THAT THE COMPETENT ORGANS IN BONN HAVE STILL NOT RECEIVED A FORMAL REQUEST FOR A FAR INCREASE, DESPITE WEEKS OF DISCUSSION IN THE PRESS.

5. BRITISH AND FRENCH POLADS HAVE TAKEN NON-COMMITTAL ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROPOSAL.

6. BA APPARENTLY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING IDEA OF DIVISION OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO AIRPORTS. WHEN PANAM DIRECTOR FOR GERMAN (RUNETTE) BROACHED IDEA FEB 5 TO BA OFFICIALS IN LONDON, THEY WERE INITIALLY TAKEN ABACK, BUT ON FEB 6 BA'S BERLIN MANAGER (GILLESPIE) TOLD PANAM THAT SINCE ROUTE SWAP AGREEMENT REACHED JAN 24, BA MANAGEMENT CONTEMPLATING REMAINING AT TEMPELHOF WHILE PANAM MOVED TO TEGEL. IF BA WERE TO MOVE ALONE TO TEGEL, GILLESPIE SAID, BA WOULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE PANAM'S SHARE (DM 5 MILLION) OF SENAT SUBSIDY FOR INCREASED FEES AND RENTALS.

7. AS REGARDS COMMITMENT TO TEGEL MOVE, PANAM MANAGEMENT DOES NOT CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY EXISTING EXCHANGE  
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OF LETTERS WITH BFG ON THIS SUBJECT. PANAM POINTS OUT IS CORRESPONDENCE SETS FURTHER IMPORTANT CONDITIONS INVOLVING OPERATIONAL READINESS OF TEGEL FACILITIES AND THAT CORRESPONDENCE IS NOT BINDING LEGAL COMMITMENT.

8 WE HAVE AGREED AMONG ALLIES TO PRESS LINE FOR USE HERE ON "IF ASKED" BASIS. QUOTE NO SUCH PROPOSAL

HAS YET BEEN COMMUNICATED OFFICIALLY TO THE ALLIED  
MISSIONS IN BERLIN. UNQUOTE THIS LIMITED GUIDANCE,  
ON WHICH BRITISH INSIST, WILL NOT CARRY FAR AS DPA  
HAS STORY TO EFFECT THAT "ALLIES ARE NEGOTIATING WITH  
SENAT ON PROPOSAL." MISSION PRESS SPOKESMAN HAS TOLD  
DPA ON UNATTRIBUTED BASIS THAT THIS IS NOTHING MORE  
THAN IDEA THAT IS BEING DISCUSSED IN AVIATION CIRCLES  
AT THIS TIME AND THAT WE HAVE TAKEN NO POSITION ON IT.  
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